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SUBJECT: NOON PRESS BRIEFING STATEMENT AUG. 13.

1. DEPARTMENT'S PRESS SPOKESMAN MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING: BEGIN TEXT.

2. THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY HAVE BEEN IN DAILY TOUCH ABOUT THEM. THE SECRETARY HAS BEEN IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT, INCLUDING FOUR TIMES BY TELEPHONE DURING THE PAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS, AND WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN BY TELEPHONE AND PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS BY LETTER AND WITH CYPRIOT LEADERS.

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3. THE UNITED STATES POSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

(A) WE RECOGNIZE THE POSITION OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY ON CYPRUS REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION.

(B) WE HAVE SUPPORTED A GREATER DEGREE OF AUTONOMY FOR THEM.

(C) THE PARTIES ARE NEGOTIATING ON ONE OR MORE TURKISH AUTONOMOUS AREAS.

4. THE AVENUES OF DIPLOMACY HAVE NOT BEEN EXHAUSTED AND THEREFORE THE U.S. WOULD CONSIDER A RESORT TO MILITARY ACTION UNJUSTIFIED. WE HAVE MADE THIS CLEAR TO ALL PARTIES. END TEXT.
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